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Re: Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site

Opportunity to Submit Comments to National Remedy Review Board

Dear Counsellors:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your clients' opportunity to submit comments concerning issues related to the selection of a remedy for Operable Unit 2 ("OU2") at the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc. Superfund Site (the "Site").

The cost of every one of the remedial alternatives identified for OU2, with the exception of the No Action alternative, exceeds \$30 million. Accordingly, the guidelines of the National Remedy Review Board require that the Board review the cleanup strategies for the Site. Currently, the Site is on the Board's agenda for its August, 2003 meeting, which will be held during the last week of August.

Your comments should summarize, in 10 pages or less, any technical issues you believe are pertinent to the cleanup decision, and should be submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 2, by the close of business on July 16, 2003. Please submit your comments to Remedial Project Manager Peter Mannino and supply a copy to me, as well.

The remedy review process will consist of the following steps: 1) Region 2 will develop an information package, with input from New Jersey, and which will include your clients' submission, if any; 2) Region 2 will submit the information package to the Board at least one month prior to the Board's August 2003 meeting; 3) at the Board meeting, Region 2 will make an informational presentation; 4) the Board will deliberate, focusing on whether the proposed

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cleanup decision is cost effective and otherwise consistent with the National Contingency Plan and/or supported by the most current program guidance; 5) within four weeks after the meeting, the Board will transmit a memorandum to the Regional decision-maker with recommendations and comments; and 6) the Regional decision-maker will respond to the Board within a reasonable time.

Please note that while Regional decision-makers give substantial consideration to Board recommendations, the Board recommendations are not binding.

The Board review is considered an internal deliberative process, and your clients' participation is limited to the submission of the 10-page document referenced above. However, at the time the proposed plan for OU2 is issued for public comment, Region 2 anticipates that the Board memorandum and the Region's response will be placed in the public administrative record for the Site.

Further information concerning the National Remedy Review Board may be found at the following website: www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/nrrb/. The website also provides access to the Board's publically-available review memoranda for sites previously reviewed by the Board as well as regional responses to the Board comments at those sites.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 212-637-3136 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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